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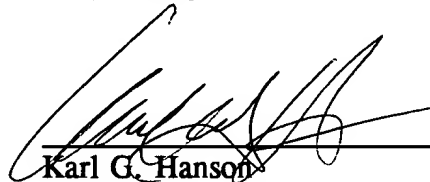
--34. The fibrous filtration face mask of claim 32, wherein the nonwoven fibrous layer consists essentially of at least 20 weight percent bicomponent fibers, 0 to 80 weight percent binder fibers, and 0 to 50 weight percent staple fibers, based on the weight of fibrous material in the nonwoven fibrous layer, and wherein the nonwoven fibrous layer supports a filtration layer that contains melt-blown microfibers.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 have been cancelled (see transmittal letter), and claims 30-34 have been added. Thus, claims 25-34 are now pending in this application. Cancelled claims 1-24 were the subject of parent application Serial No. 07/632,964 filed on December 20, 1990.

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